

ELIJAH

Group Guide

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1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

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1. Read 1 Kings 17:1. On the one hand, *Elijah's a "nobody"*: we've heard nothing about him and we know nothing about Tishbe. On the other hand, *he's received this grand calling from God*: He will show that the Lord lives through stopping rain for multiple years. What do you resonate with more: feeling like a "nobody" or holding a "grand calling"? Why?
2. Read 1 Kings 17:2-4. God sends Elijah into the wilderness, that is, a place of hiddenness and separation. Why do you think Elijah needs to go to the wilderness? Why would God send him across the Jordan River?
3. Throughout Scripture, God often uses "wilderness experiences" to shape people. These can either be (a) chosen times of quiet hiddenness, like devotions, or (b) painful seasons of heartache and confusion.
 - Which kind of wilderness experience are you more familiar with: (a) or (b)?
 - Have you felt like these wilderness experiences shaped you? How so?
4. Read 1 Kings 17:5-6. Elijah being fed by ravens is pretty miraculous, to say the least.
 - Have you ever witnessed the power of God? If yes, what was that like?
 - If you feel like you haven't witnessed the power of God, what's your response when you hear stories from others?
5. Read 1 Kings 17:7. When Elijah went into the wilderness, he was dependent on God. When he came back, he was desperate. Have you ever experienced something similar? Share a time when you could sense that your dependence on God was growing.



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

STORIES

- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

MESSAGE Video and Audio can be found at:

<https://www.centralheights.ca/currentseries>